GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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HIGH COURT BENCH IN U.P.
CHANDRA PRATAP SINGH

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have studied the `Jaswant Singh Commission Report` forestablishing a High Court Bench in Western U.P.;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the commission in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have taken any steps on the recommendations of this report; and

(d) if so, the extent to which the Government intend to implement recommendations of the Commission?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY):

(a) to (d) In its report dated 30th April, 1985, the Jaswant Singh Commission inter-aLiarecommended establishment of a permanent Bench of the Aliahabad High Court at Agra and two circuit Benches thereof at Nainital and Dehradun by Parliamentary legislation. The Commission also suggested broad principles and criteria to be followed in assessing the expediency and desirability of setting up a Bench of the High Court away from theprincipal seat and the factors to be kept in view in selecting the venue of the said Bench. The setting up of a High Court Bench is considered when a complete proposal is receivedfrom the State Government in consultation with the Chief Justice of the concerned High Court.No specific, complete proposal has been received in this regard from the Government of Uttar Pradesh. The then Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Curt in his letter of September 16, 2001 conveyed that he endorsed the consistent views held by his predecessors against creation of any Bench of the Allahabad High Court in Western U.P. He said that with the bifurcation of Uttar Pradesh into two States of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal, severaldistricts of Western U.P. have gone under the territorial jurisdiction of Uttaranchal High Court. Under these circumstances, the (then) Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court found no justification for creation of any Bench of the Allahabad High Court in Western Uttar Pradesh.